

SHOTS WERE NOT FIRED BY VILLA'S MEN

Gen. Funston Reports That Troops of Gen. Calles Deliberately Fired Upon American Officers.

EXPLAINS WHY HE DID NOT ORDER MEN TO SHOOT

Would Have Had to Open Fire on Both Forces—Tells of Conference Held With Gen. Villa.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The forces of Gen. Calles, the Carranza commander at Aguaprieta, deliberately fired on American officers at Douglas, Ariz., Gen. Funston reported to the war department today. Gen. Funston immediately demanded an explanation and regrets and assurances that it would not occur again were sent to him by Calles. Villa's forces were careful not to fire onto American soil, Funston said.

Gen. Funston's report follows: "Yesterday Gen. Villa sent a request to me for an interview and though I had serious doubts as to whether my actions would be approved, I finally concluded it best to meet him as he might have something of importance to communicate.

"We met on the boundary line one mile east of Aguaprieta trenches and conversed in Spanish for about 10 minutes. His attitude was quite satisfactory. More detailed information will be given in personal letters to the chief of staff. The withdrawal from around Aguaprieta of Villa's main force began late yesterday afternoon and continued until noon today. Long columns of troops were plainly seen from Douglas moving up to the westward. Several hundred were left, however, to cover the passage near Aguaprieta. Certain of Villa's troops from the eastward that had not joined him here. The result was almost continuous fighting all forenoon with a little cannonading at intervals. During the day a portion of Calles' artillery in the rear of the south salient fired about 500 shots at various columns and detachments of Villa's troops in range.

Were in Plain View.
"Practically all of these affairs were in plain view of the shooting of Calles' artillery fairly good and conduct of Villa under rather severe shell fire excellent. It may not be understood at the war department why in view of existing orders I have not fired upon the contending parties, considering the fact that some bullets and shells struck on American side and three men of seventh infantry were wounded.

"This was not done because of the evident fact that most commanders were doing all they could to prevent injury to Americans. The principal faults were committed by Calles' men and I could not in fairness have opened fire on Villa without treating Calles the same.

"For example, yesterday while Maj. Hay and other officers were 200 yards north of boundary and 900 yards from the flank of Calles' trenches, they were deliberately fired upon from them and nearly hit. Also yesterday a detachment of ninth cavalry, 1,200 yards in front of west flank of Calles' trenches, and at least 200 yards north of boundary, were fired upon from there first by machine guns and then six times by artillery. Further, this afternoon a customs passage at the same point was fired upon. Representations have been made to Calles

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VILLA'S LOSS IS PLACED AT 1,000

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 4.—Losses of 1,000 men in killed, wounded and captured, were inflicted upon the army of Gen. Francisco Villa which tried to capture Aguaprieta.

Gen. Villa's forces have withdrawn from their old positions in front of Aguaprieta and it is doubtful if they will renew the attack.

However, Gen. Calles, commander of the Carranzista garrison in Aguaprieta, knowing the shrewdness of his opponent, refused to send his army in pursuit.

"Gen. Villa may only be trying to lure me into the open for a decisive attack," declared Gen. Calles.

A small force of Carranzista cavalry was sent to harass the Villistas, but was driven off by a machine gun fire.

An army of 3,000 Yaqui Indians has arrived at Nogales with the intention of fighting against Villa's army.

GERMAN SUB IS HELD
Disabled Diver Taken in Charge by Dutch Warships.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 4.—A disabled German submarine was taken in charge by Dutch warships today. The submarine will be held pending a decision by the government as to its disposition.

MRS. RONEY WAS NOT ON VESSEL THAT SANK

Husband Gets Message Stating She is Safe—Mrs. Hale Not Known Here.

Advices from Portland, Ore., received Wednesday that Mrs. Madeline Roney of this city was one of the victims in the wreck of the Santa Clara, which went to pieces in a fierce gale on the rocks of Coos Bay, Ore., proved erroneous. A telegram from Mrs. Roney was received by her husband, E. K. Roney, Thursday morning, stating that she was safe and sound in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Roney is proprietor of the South Bend Tea and Butter store, 127 N. Main st.

The wire dispatches received Wednesday stated that the body of Mrs. Roney had been recovered and that she had been identified as one of the victims. A Mrs. Hale, also of this city, was reported to be another of the victims.

Mystery still surrounds the identity of Mrs. Hale, and no information either locally or from the west has been received regarding her.

Wednesday when the report of the accident was brought to Mr. Roney he expressed disbelief that the woman reported lost was his wife. The telegram received Thursday morning established the fact beyond a doubt. Mrs. Roney was in Seattle at the time that the Santa Clara was wrecked, and not aboard the ill-fated vessel.

WILL TRY OUT SONGS HERE

Miss Lella Shaw, Chicago Actress Will Visit South Bend.

Miss Lella Shaw, a well known Chicago actress, has engaged a suite of rooms for the week end at the Oliver hotel. She will probably arrive in the city Saturday. She has no engagement with local theaters and, although she has not intimated the purpose of her visit to the city, it is probably to try out new musical scores, possibly under the direction of their composer, as she has ordered a piano to be placed in her room. Miss Shaw is a comedian. She has been in the supporting companies of several stars. Her best part, perhaps, is Beth Elsholtz, in "The Traveling Salesman," a part originally played by Gertrude Coghlan.

LOCAL BOY IS ELECTED

Samuel E. Emmons Member of Michigan U. Society.

Samuel E. Emmons of South Bend has been elected a member of the Tau Beta Pi, an honorary society of the senior engineering class of the university of Michigan. According to qualifications essential to successful candidates, those chosen have seldom failed in recitation, passed college career, and represent the best in their class from the standpoint of scholarship. Personality and character are considered also in making the selections.

Emmons is the son of C. D. Emmons, superintendent of the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana Railway Co. He will complete his engineering course in June.

DIRECTORS ARE TO MEET

New Secretary of C. of C. May be Named This Afternoon.

Announcement of the new secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to succeed H. G. Spaulding, who resigned some time ago, probably will be made within a few days, there having been a discussion of several applicants at a meeting of the board of directors this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The appointment of a secretary has been hanging fire for nearly two months.

Both South Bend men and outsiders were considered at the meeting, but no action was taken. Several names were taken up by the old directors, but they decided to wait until the six new men were elected before choosing an officer. The new directors were named at a meeting Monday.

WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

George A. Sensenbaugh Leaves Property to His Children.

The will of George A. Sensenbaugh of Crumstown, who died Oct. 31, was filed for probate in circuit court Thursday morning. The personal estate is valued at \$4,000.

By the terms of the will there are six beneficiaries, children of Mr. Sensenbaugh. A son, William H. H. Sensenbaugh of this city, receives \$200. The residue of the estate goes to Elizabeth E. Cole, North Liberty; Mary A. Redell, Mt. Pelier, Idaho; Susan M. Wedel, Crumstown; and Bertha F. Calloun, LaCrosse, Ind., sisters, who share and share alike.

Susan M. Wedel qualified as administratrix.

LAUREL CIVIC TO MEET

Shepherd Leffler Will Speak on Government Tonight.

Shepherd Leffler will give his third talk on "Government" to the members of the Laurel Civic club at the meeting at Laurel school tonight. Following is the remainder of the program: Piano solo, Florence Gross; vocal duet, Loreta Murphy and Willard Erhardt; recitation, Florence Gross; Gotland's Swedish quadrille and Ribbon dance under the direction of Miss Laura Hamilton.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Officers for the year will be elected at the first meeting of the year of the Parent-Teachers' club of the Coquillard school at a meeting tonight at the school. Shepherd Leffler will outline a course in civics. Two piano solos will be given by Helen Ross and Matilda Christman.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry Baker, machinist, Michigan; Iva Buck, clerk, Lansing, Mich.; Arch Hostetter, teamster, Coldwater, Mich.; Louisa Barthold, Toledo, O.; Carl A. Hoover, accountant; Alma Peterson.

Peter Carela, fruit dealer, Chicago; Stephen Choporia.

MEN HIGHER UP IN PLOT STILL FREE

Special Agents Are Investigating Fire on British Steamer Eutarh and in Cotton Warehouse.

STATEMENTS ENABLED MEN TO COVER TRACKS

Letters Accusing Certain Officials of Talking Too Much Are Being Investigated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Special agents of the department of justice and the neutrality squad of the secret service today are investigating the fires on the British steamer Eutarh at South Brooklyn and a cotton warehouse fire at Red Hook in connection with the reported plot to destroy ocean vessels carrying supplies to Great Britain and her allies for which various arrests already have been made in New York.

Additional agents have been sent from here to New York and the officials in charge of the investigation confidentially admit that they do not believe they have caught any of the "men higher up" in the general plot they are convinced exists.

In this connection it was learned at the department of justice today that a number of letters have reached there complaining that the publicity the Fay-Scholz bomb plot arrests in New York has prevented additional arrests of more "important conspirators." These letters, it is said, declare that the published statements of certain officials who have been working on the case gave warning to other persons who were in the conspiracy and they were able to cover their tracks.

The department is investigating the authorship of these letters in order to learn, if possible, just how much the writers know and whether their information would be valuable.

The department of justice has received many letters whose authorship was hidden, but which have been of great assistance in clearing up allegations of neutrality violations in certain locations. This has been especially so in the case of various suspected wireless plants which have been located through these letters and dismantled without any court proceedings or undue publicity.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—While the federal grand jury busy today investigating the activities of Robert Fay, Walter Scholz and others arrested in connection with the plot to blow up ammunition ships at sea, the police were making a determined effort to connect the alleged bomb conspirators with an explosion and fire on board the British freighter, Eutarpe, in Erie basin, yesterday. The Eutarpe was being loaded with supplies for the British army.

The belief is held both by the police and the federal authorities that Germans with whom Fay had dealings were responsible for the damage to the Eutarpe.

The first witness before the federal grand jury was Carl Wedig, a soldier of fortune and chemist, who has given the government valuable information about Fay's plans to damage at sea ships carrying ammunition to the allies.

U. S. Dist. Atty. Snowden Marshall declared he was positive that the accused men would be indicted.

FIVE NATIVES KILLED

American Marine Shot in Knee in Battle in Haiti.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Marine private W. L. Budshew was severely wounded in the knee and five natives were killed in a fight between American marines and Cacos in Haiti yesterday. Rear Admiral Caperton reported to the navy department. The skirmish took place at Letroun.

Navy department records show that Budshew's home is at 2203 Vega av., in Cleveland, O., where his father, Leopold Budshew lives.

BRITISH TURN DOWN AMERICANS' REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The British foreign office has refused the request of American manufacturers of plug tobacco to permit further shipments of Heorice root from Turkish ports to the United States. Ambassador Page so notified the state department today. As a result the manufacture of plug tobacco will be seriously hampered, officials say.

Recently England allowed two cargoes of 10,000 tons each to come through. Ambassador Page in his cable today says: "This concession was made as a purely exceptional measure and on the understanding that no further requests would be made to ship from Turkish ports goods of this or a similar character during the continuance of the blockade of these waters."



LOST GROUND IS HELD BY FRENCH

Recapture of Positions Near the Chausson Farm Reported by Paris.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Recapture by the French of the greater part of the ground lost in Champagne near the Chausson farm is announced in the official communique by the war office this afternoon. Fierce fighting followed the counter attack launched by the French, but the Germans were finally driven out.

The communique also reports hard fighting in the trenches on the Lille highway during the night.

The text of the communique follows: "Some sharp grenade combats were fought during the night in the trenches on the Lille highway to the southeast of Neuville St. Vaast at the same time that a violent artillery duel was proceeding in the same region.

In Champagne in the region of the Chausson farm, an energetic counter attack immediately launched enabled us to recapture yesterday evening the greater part of the advanced trench sections into which German forces had succeeded in penetrating. They were driven out despite obstinate resistance which was supported by the throwing of burning liquids."

PEACE IS NOT WANTED

Denial is Issued by Italian Embassy at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The Italian embassy here this afternoon issued the following statement: "The Italian embassy is instructed to deny most emphatically any kind of an attempt by the Italian government to discuss peace."

Peace Advocate Will be Taken

If He Tries to Cross Atlantic

PARIS, Nov. 4.—"If Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, and the supposed peace agent of the Kaiser, attempts to cross the Atlantic to put peace proposals before President Wilson he will be placed under arrest by the crews of Anglo-French warships."

This was the warning printed in nearly all the newspapers today. They declared further that every effort would be made to prevent Prince von Buelow from making his way into Spain from Switzerland.

Teutons Are Driven Back From Dvinsk

PETROGRAD, Nov. 4.—Shattering attacks by heavy masses of Russian troops in the sector of Dvinsk have rolled back the German army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg 15 miles.

Russian reinforcements are on the way to the line north of Dvinsk and it is now believed that both Dvinsk and Riga are safe from capture.

Gen. Alexei Polivanoff, the Russian minister of war, declared today in a special statement that the Germans will never be able to capture Dvinsk and Riga, despite their great guns and boundless ammunition.

Military experts predict that the Germans will now settle down for the winter without making any further effort to take Dvinsk.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been driving against Dvinsk for 40 days.

ROUMANIA IS WAITING

Will Not Act Until Allies Send Army to Balkans.

GENEVA, Nov. 4.—A Bucharest dispatch to the newspaper Genevois says that the Roumanian government will not further consider the proposals of the entente powers unless at least 500,000 Anglo-French troops are rushed to the Balkans.

KENTUCKY RACE CLOSE

Democrats and Republicans Both Claim Election.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 4.—Kentucky's race for governor is not yet settled. The democrats claim Stanley has over 4,000 majority and the republicans claim Morrow's election by a safe figure. Returns yet to be received will determine the result positively.

GERMAN SHIP SUNK

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 4.—The German steamer Gedania, 1,477 tons, has been sunk in the Baltic by a British submarine. She hailed from Danzig. The fate of the crew is unknown.

PREST WILSON WILL SPEAK AT NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—President Wilson, accompanied by Sec'y Joseph P. Tumulty, Dr. Cary T. Grayson and his secret service guard, left here for New York in a private car attached to the regular 10:30 train over the Pennsylvania railroad today. Immediately on arrival in that city, he will motor to the home of Col. E. M. House, whose guest he will be while there.

The president will deliver an address at the dinner in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Manhattan club of New York. It is understood that among the guests will be most of the leading democrats of the nation and the president is expected to explain his position on the question of national defense.

The president will return to this city tomorrow and he will be accompanied by his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, who has been shopping in New York since Monday.

HOPE TO SETTLE FT. WAYNE STRIKE

Series of Conferences to be Held Following Gov. Ralston's Request.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 4.—Acting upon the request of Gov. Ralston, a committee of eight prominent citizens, headed by Samuel M. Foster, president of a local bank, today planned a series of conferences with a view of adjusting differences between the company controlling the Fort Wayne city street car railway lines and their striking employees.

The strike was inaugurated five weeks ago and has resulted in great financial losses to the company and business in general, as well as to the workers themselves through lack of wages.

The committee was appointed by Gov. Ralston in response to an urgent appeal signed by 60 business men and in addition to Foster, consists of the Rev. A. J. Folsom of the Congregational church; Charles McCullough, bank president; G. M. Leslie and W. D. Calvin, physicians; Charles A. Dunkelberg, manufacturer; and O. N. Heaton and William P. Brown, attorneys.

The governor made it plain that he was not acting under any specific law in this matter and did not intend to interfere with pending litigation concerning contracts between the employees and employers. He urged the members of the committee to proceed along rational lines and in a patriotic speech.

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SERBIA MAY SEEK PEACE HINTS BERLIN

Minister at Petrograd Said to Had Informed Allies That Help Must Reach His Country at Once.

HALF OF COUNTRY IS IN HANDS OF TEUTONS

Advance Has Been Costly, According to Allies—King Peter Has Left the Front is Report.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Additional French forces for the assistance of the Serbians are being landed at Salonika. The following report related to the army of the Orient was issued at the war office this afternoon.

"The disembarkation of French troops at Salonika continues without incident. On the French front between Krivolak and Babrova there is nothing to report for the day of Nov. 1.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Half of Serbia is now in the hands of the Austro-German armies and their Bulgarian allies. The Austro-Hungarian army which occupied Ushitz in western Serbia is now delivering smashing attacks against the Serbian strongholds in the mountains south of Chasok (Chaschak). A circle of steel is being drawn around Nish, former capital of Serbia.

The Serbian first army of the north is in danger of annihilation as the result of the failure of the Anglo-French forces to get reinforcements to the Serbs north of Nish.

According to a Berlin dispatch King Peter has departed from the front and no one knows where the Serbian monarch has gone.

May Conclude Peace?

Another Berlin dispatch says that the situation in Serbia has become so desperate that the Serbian minister at Petrograd, M. Spalajkovic, has served formal notice of the Russian foreign office and the Serbs request adequate help immediately she will conclude a separate peace with the central powers.

The landing of a French expeditionary force at Kavala, to invade southern Bulgaria, has failed to relieve the Bulgarian pressure in southern Serbia.

The occupation of Monastir by the Bulgars is imminent.

But while the Teutonic forces and their allies are advancing with crushing force they are paying dearly in human life. The Bulgarian losses on the southern front alone are placed at 30,000 and those on the northern front at 20,000. The German and Austro-Hungarian losses are placed at 60,000, making a grand total of 110,000.

The Daily Mail in commenting editorially upon the Balkan situation says:

Crown of Misery.
"Here is the crown of misery—the bitterest day of all her days.

"Nothing could be more moving—more tragic—than the story of Serbia as told by every eye witness. A whole people are in flight abandoning homes and country with everything and just because they have been compelled to wait on the creaking diplomacy of the allies. When they could have struck with effect we held back their arm. When they were about to be crushed late. It was in such an hour of ruin and desolation that Gordon, to whom we built many monuments, though he did not save him, cried out that he had done his best for the honor of his country. The Serbians have done all that and more. Assaulted on all sides by four times their numbers they fought like heroes and demigods. The tragedy of Belgium is being re-enacted under our eyes."

SOPIA, Nov. 4.—Serbian forts de-

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GREECE'S CABINET IS NEAR COLLAPSE

ATHENS (via London), Nov. 4.—Premier Zaimis and the cabinet have resigned because the chamber of deputies failed to uphold a vote of confidence in the ministry. The resignation came after Premier Zaimis asked the chamber to suspend its sitting pending the formation of a new cabinet.

ATHENS, Nov. 3.—(Via London, Nov. 4.)—The Greek government is on the verge of collapse.

The chamber of deputies refused today to give the Zaimis cabinet a vote of confidence.

The question of giving the government a vote of confidence was brought up in the chamber of deputies during debate on the government's foreign policy.

However, when a resolution, expressing the chamber's confidence in the ministry, was placed before the deputies, they voted it down. The vote was 147 to 114.

Immediately afterward Premier Zaimis was in communication with King Constantine and it was expected that the resignation of the government would be announced without delay.

The policy of the government has been attacked by both the pro allies and the pro Germans.